

92nd Annual Meeting of the Williamstown Community Chest
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
The Williams Inn

*Strengthening community by mobilizing resources
for organizations that assist our neighbors in need.*

- I. Call to Order: President Susan Puddester** called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. She invited Anne Singleton, Executive Director to the podium to welcome attendees. Anne noted that this would be the last annual meeting held at the current Williams Inn and thanked the Inn for many years of hosting organizations, families, and the community at special events.
- II. Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting** were distributed. Hearing no corrections or additions, upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved

Amendment to the By-Laws: Justin Crowe explained the proposed amendment to the By-Laws:

Article II Purpose

Existing wording: The Williamstown Community Chest strengthens our community by raising and distributing resources to organizations that help our neighbors in need.

Proposed change: Strengthening our community by mobilizing resources for organizations that assist our neighbors in need.

He stated that the strategic planning process included clarifying the language of the mission statement.

Hearing no objections, upon motion duly made and seconded, the amendment was approved.

- III. Treasurer's Report: Tom Sheldon** presented the treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. He reviewed revenues and expenses, noting that expenses primarily consist of administrative costs and disbursements to member agencies. Tom stated the financial position is solid with the vast majority of assets in investments. He referenced allocations to agencies stating that the board of directors is reviewing the process. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was approved.

IV. Nominating Committee Report: Kathy McKnight, Chair presented the following:

Nominees for re-election to the board of directors for a three-year term (2019-2022):

Stephen Narey, Margo Neely, Brian O'Grady, Bob Stegeman

Nominee for election to the board of directors for a three-year term (2019-2022): **Annie Art**

It was moved and seconded to approve the slate as presented and, having no nominees from the floor, the slate was unanimously approved.

Nominated for election as officers for one year:

President, Susan Puddester

Vice President, Polly Macpherson

Treasurer, Tom Sheldon

Secretary, Brian O'Grady

It was moved and seconded to approve the slate as presented and, having no nominees from the floor, the slate was unanimously approved.

V. President's Report: President Susan Puddester recognized the member agencies, thanking them for their service to our community. She invited board member Juan Baena to share his story of relocating his family to the Berkshires 14 years ago. Juan described the support provided by WCC member agencies, as well as the broader community.

Susan called on Anne Singleton to introduce guest speaker Jonathan Butler, President and CEO of 1Berkshire. Mr. Butler shared a brief and thorough overview of the recently published **Berkshire Blueprint 2.0**.

VI. Closing Remarks: Anne Singleton thanked the member agencies for their tireless work, and all in attendance for continued support of our mission.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. and followed by light refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian O'Grady, Secretary